



GREENSBORO URBAN AREA METROPOLITAN PLANNING ORGANIZATION

TRANSPORTATION ADVISORY COMMITTEE

**MINUTES OF JULY 22, 1999
10:30 a.m. Greensboro, NC**

TAC MEMBERS PRESENT:

Carolyn S. Allen, TAC Chair
Sandy Carmany
Don Vaughan
Phyllis Gibbs
Doug Galyon

Mayor of Greensboro
City of Greensboro Council Member
City of Greensboro Council Member
Guilford County Commissioner
North Carolina Department of Transportation

OTHERS PRESENT:

Richard Atkins, TCC Chair
Terry Bellamy
Lynise DeVance
Jerry Dudeck
Veronica Dunlap
Jim Elza
Elizabeth James
Ted Johnson
Kenneth King
Tom Martin
Tyler Meyer
John Watkins
Jim Westmoreland
Mul Wyman

Greensboro Department of Transportation
Greensboro Department of Transportation
Federal Highway Administration
North Carolina Department of Transportation
Greensboro Department of Transportation
Guilford County Planning & Development
Greensboro Department of Transportation
Airport Authority
Greensboro Department of Transportation
Greensboro Planning Department
Greensboro Department of Transportation
North Carolina Department of Transportation
Greensboro Department of Transportation
Guilford County Planning & Development

I. Welcome and Approval of Minutes, March 4, 1999

Mayor Allen called the meeting to order at 10:30 A.M. and welcomed attendees. Corrections to the minutes were identified. **Don Vaughan moved to approve the March 4, 1999 minutes as corrected. Motion was seconded by Sandy Carmany and approved.**

II. Action Items

2000-2006 Metropolitan Transportation Improvement Program (MTIP) Amendment

Ken King, Greensboro Department of Transportation (GDOT), described the *2000-2006 MTIP Amendment*, and asked for approval to release for public comment (Attachment #2). Discussion followed. The need to include a list of Project Description and Schedule Changes with the amendment was established. This list will be included in public review copies of the document. Don Vaughan requested a brief project status list and map of Urban Loop interchange locations be provided TAC in a laminated, easy to use format. Ken King said such materials would be developed and distributed. **Don Vaughan made a motion to approve the release. Motion was seconded by Sandy Carmany and approved.**

Tyler Meyer, AICP, GDOT, described the *2025 Long Range Transportation Plan*, reviewed the highlights of the document (Attachment #3), and asked for approval to release for public comment. Mayor Allen stated the concern that the bulky notebook format and the complexity of the document do not encourage public comment. GDOT will work to facilitate citizen review in the future through the internet and a more accessible format. Ken King described the process for seeking public review. Public review copies are available in the offices of the County Commissioners, the City Clerk, and NCDOT Division Seven; the UNCG and NC A&T State University libraries; and in all Greensboro public libraries. Advertisements will run in the major newspaper, the News & Record, for seven consecutive days, starting July 23. Mayor Allen asked that the advertisement be placed in the Peacemaker as well. Ken King said that an advertisement would be placed in the Peacemaker. **Sandy Carmany made a motion to release the 2025 Long Range Transportation Plan for public comment. Motion was seconded by Don Vaughan and approved.**

Tyler Meyer described the *Air Quality Conformity Determination Report* and asked for approval to release for public comment (Attachment #3 – Appendix Item #4). **Sandy Carmany made a motion to release the Air Quality Conformity Determination Report for public comment. Motion was seconded by Don Vaughan and approved.**

III. Business Items

Memorandum of Agreement (MOA)

Ken King stated Transportation (Air Quality) Conformity Regulations require an interagency consultation process involving MPOs, NCDOT, NCDENR, EPA, FTA, and FHWA. Procedures for conducting this process must be defined and agreed to by all parties. The Memorandum of Agreement currently under development will describe these procedures and the specific responsibilities of each party. GDOT staff has concerns with the draft MOA, particularly with the length of the conformity analysis review and appeals periods, and the extra burden these put on the MPO planning process. Possible legal review of the MOA was discussed. TAC agreed legal review would be appropriate, provided it involve Greensboro staff attorneys and no

additional expense. The MOA for Greensboro is expected to be brought before TCC and TAC in October, though the exact timing is uncertain.

IV. Other Items

NCDOT Board Member Update

Doug Galyon, North Carolina Department of Transportation (NCDOT), said that due to two terrible traffic accidents NC 68 has had significant recent publicity. Accident reports show road conditions did not cause these accidents. The NC Board of Transportation (BOT) has recently approved projects to increase safety along NC 68 including turn lane, traffic signal, shoulder paving, and guardrail improvements. Mr. Galyon then noted the following:

- The Regional Road bridge over West Market Street and the railroad will be replaced beginning in January 2000. Regional Road will be closed to through traffic until the bridge replacement is complete. The project will take 18 to 24 months to complete.
- Beginning in June 2000 the Vickery Chapel Road bridge over US 70 will be replaced and the road will be widened to Grandover Parkway. The bridge will be closed to through traffic. This project will take 18 to 24 months to complete.
- Representatives of the Board of Transportation will meet with the Guilford County Commissioners on August 12th. The purpose of the meeting will be to discuss the proposed closing of Regional Road.
- It is projected that Gallimore Dairy Road will be closed to through traffic for approximately 18 months while the bridge over I-40 is replaced and an interchange constructed.

Mr. Galyon described two commissions created in the recent legislative session. The first, the Blue Ribbon Transportation Finance Study Commission, will review the Highway Trust Fund Act of 1989, current revenue sources, transit funding, and other issues of critical significance to TAC. This commission is to submit its final report by March 2001. The second, the Commission to Address Smart Growth, Growth Management, and Development Issues will review practices from other states and a range of land use related issues. This commission could affect local planning and zoning and merits TAC involvement and monitoring. A final report will be issued by January 1, 2001.

Unified Planning Work Program Update

Ken King, GDOT and Mul Wyman, Guilford County Planning and Development, briefed TAC on the Urban Loop Interchange Study. Mr. Wyman then briefed TAC on the Airport Area Plan (Attachment #4).

Elizabeth James, Greensboro Transit Authority (GTA), reviewed current transit projects. Mrs. James distributed a summary of funding to be received under *1998-2004 Local Transportation Improvement Program* grants for the Multi-Modal Transportation Center project. GTA will update the Transit Services Plan later this year. Strategies to increase ridership will be considered in this plan including Sunday service, cross-town routing (changing routes to eliminate the need for downtown transfers in some cases), and improving bus headways for more frequent service.

North Carolina Coalition of Public Transportation

An update was provided on a recent North Carolina Coalition of Public Transportation conference call. Mayor Allen stated the coalition plans to rework its lobbying efforts to improve communication and provide increased notification of legislative actions. Coalition members will review the organization's strategy in the near future.

Future Agenda Items and Meeting Dates

Ken King distributed a list of future agenda items for TAC review and action (Attachment #5). Mr. King suggested a regular TAC meeting schedule be established. Discussion followed. A follow-up effort will be made by GDOT to coordinate TAC members' schedules so that consistent meeting dates, times, and locations can be established.

The meeting was adjourned at 12:20 noon.